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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW
and
RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Prices on slaughter steers and heifers declined at midwest terminals for the second straight week. Steers closed mostly steady to 75¢ lower with sales at Chicago largely 50¢-$1.50 off. Heifers sold steady to 50¢ lower at most points. Slaughter cows were generally steady to 50¢ lower; stockers and feeders unevenly steady to $1.00 lower. Barrows and gilts closed mostly steady to 50¢ lower; sows largely 25-50¢ off. Slaughter lambs declined 50¢-$1.00 with a few points $1.00-1.50 lower.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - Prices on slaughter steers and heifers declined under the bearish influence of increased supplies and lower prices on carcass beef. Steers were steady to 75¢ lower at most points as prices fell to the lowest levels since early November. Heifers sold steady to 50¢ lower. In Chicago steers grading Good to Prime sold 50¢ to $1.50 lower while heifers were 50¢ to $1.25 lower. Cows were generally steady to 50¢ lower reflecting a 50¢ lower trend in the carcass trade. However, St. Paul showed a strong trend on cows while Sioux Falls was strong to 25¢ higher and Chicago 50¢-75¢ up. Bulls were steady to 50¢ higher. Vealers were strong to $1.00 higher in St. Paul but weak to $2.00 lower at St. Louis. Receipts at the 12 markets were increased by fully 11 percent. Bulk receipts at most terminals were slaughter steers and heifers with Good and Choice grades predominating. Very few Prime steers or heifers were on offer at most terminals with the percentage Prime in the steer supply at Chicago little changed from the 12 percent the previous week.

Five loads of Prime 1200-1411# slaughter steers brought $28.50 in Chicago the fore part of the week but nothing sold over $28.00 at the close when most Prime and mixed Choice and Prime 1050-1425# brought $25.75-27.50. At other terminals a few high-Choice and Prime 1000-1350# steers sold at $25.00-27.00 while bulk high-Good and Choice 900-1300# moved at $23.00-25.50. Good steers sold from $21.50-23.75. A few mixed Choice and Prime slaughter heifers sold at $24.25-26.00, Choice brought $23.00-24.75 and Good $21.00-23.50. Utility and Commercial cows cashed at $16.00-18.00; Canner and Cutter $14.00-17.00.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES - Shipments of stocker and feeder cattle and calves from the 10 markets totaled 29,300, compared 29,800 the previous week and 35,900 a year ago. Good and Choice 450-750# stock steers continued to make up a relatively large percent of the supplies. Only moderate numbers of feeder steers 800# and heavier were on offer and majority of these had already received at least a start on grain feeds. A somewhat restricted and generally bearish demand existed and prices worked additionally lower following last week's declines. Prices were unevenly steady to $1.00 lower. Stock calves showed least weakness. The press of field work kept many potential buyers away from market centers. However, a factor having a more bearish impact on demand was the continued downtrend in slaughter cattle prices, particularly in the face of a recently released USDA estimate of larger numbers of cattle and calves on feed than a year ago.

A few shipments of Choice 524-600# stock steers brought $27.75-30.00; majority Good and Choice 525-750# $24.00-27.50, some Good $23.50. Medium and low-Good stockers ranged $19.00-24.00. Good and Choice 800-1125# feeders sold from $21.50-25.00, a moderate number of mostly Choice, partly fattened 950-1050# included at $22.75-24.00. Good and Choice yearling heifers brought $21.00-25.00, few loads Choice 550-600# $25.50-26.25. Good and Choice steer calves sold from $25.50-33.00, relatively few above $31.00. Good and Choice heifer calves went chiefly from $23.00-27.50, load Choice 476# $28.00 and Choice 350# $30.00.

HOGS - Terminal Markets - Hog receipts at the 12 markets totaled 302,000 head for a slight increase over the previous week but were 14 percent less than a year ago. A large share of the run was comprised of shipments of mixed U. S. 1-3, and 2-3, 200-270# barrows and gilts with an increased volume of kinds weighing 240-270# at many of the markets. Consignments of uniform No. 1-2 grades continued scarce and bulk of the supply was offered and sold as mixed U. S. 1,2 and 3 grade lots. The percentage of sows showed a slight seasonal increase and made up from 10 to 15 percent of the supply at several centers. Storm reduced receipts early influenced some price upturn at the start of the week. However, price declines in the fresh pork trade more than offset this advantage later. Order buyers took about a normal share of the week's supply. Barrows and gilts closed steady to 50¢ lower, extremes 75¢ off, with weights 240# and heavier showing most decline at the majority of markets. Sows declined largely 25-50¢ but closed steady to 25¢ lower at Chicago and dipped 75¢-$1.00 at Kansas City.

On Friday, U. S. No. 1-2, 180-240# barrows and gilts sold largely at $17.25-17.75 up to $18.00 at Chicago and Indianapolis. Mixed U. S. 1,2 and 3 180-260# brought $16.50-17.50 for the most part, with same grades 180-240# at Indianapolis $17.00-17.75. U. S. 1-3, 270-600# sows sold at $14.50-16.50, most sales $15.00-16.25.

Feeder pigs finished steady to weak at St. Paul but held steady at Sioux City. Good and Choice 130-160# brought $16.50-17.00 at St. Paul while same grades 140-170# at Sioux City $16.00-17.00, few Choice $17.25.

HOGS - Receipts in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area totaled 338,000 head, around 2 percent less than the previous week and 4 percent under a year ago. Barrows and gilts 180-240# closed 25-50¢ lower, mostly 35-50¢ off, with 240-300# 45-50¢ lower; sows 25¢ lower. Sows made up a full 6 percent of the receipts.

On Friday, mixed U. S. 1-3 200-230# barrows and gilts, and a few 190-200#, sold at $16.25-16.85 with limited showing $17.00. A few 1 and 2 selected lots $17.00-17.25. U. S. 1-3 270-400# sows sold from $14.60-16.15; 400-550# $13.75-15.40.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - Salable receipts of sheep and lambs at the 12 markets totaled 102,000 or 4 percent over a week earlier and 15 percent more than last year. Slaughter lamb marketings were mainly shorn old crop offerings and included a large volume weighing over 110#. Nearly 10,000 spring lambs were marketed at Fort Worth. Old crop slaughter lambs were 50¢ to fully $1.00 lower, instances $1.50 off with the greatest downturn on lambs 100# and heavier. Spring slaughter lambs were $1.00-1.50 lower at Fort Worth. Slaughter ewes were unevenly steady to $1.00 lower. Feeder and shearing lambs were steady to 50¢ lower, instances $1.00 off.

Choice with a few Prime 96-118# wooled old crop slaughter lambs closed at $15.50-17.00; Choice and Prime 114-125# mostly $14.00-15.50; Good and Choice 90-115# $15.00-16.50. Choice with end of Prime 84-109# shorn old crop slaughter lambs with No. 1-2 and fall shorn pelts brought $15.00-16.00, few reaching $17.00; Choice and Prime 110-118# $14.00-$15.00; Good and Choice 90-114# $14.00-15.50. Choice and Prime 75-100# spring slaughter lambs $17.00-18.00, instances $18.50; 100-114# $16.00-17.00. At Fort Worth, Good and Choice 74-80# spring slaughter lambs $15.00-16.00. Cull to Choice wooled slaughter ewes $3.50-7.00; shorn ewes $2.00-6.50. Good and Choice 70-90# wooled feeder lambs $15.00-17.00; Good and Choice 78-100# shorn feeders $12.50-14.00.

Receipts of sheep and lambs in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area at 28,400 head were 8 percent over a week ago and 14 percent more than the same period last year. Slaughter lambs sold 50¢-$1.50, large share $1.00-1.50 off. Slaughter ewes steady to weak.

On Friday, a few Choice and Prime 90-105# wooled slaughter lambs delivered to packing plants $15.50-16.50,mainly $16.00 up; bulk Choice with few Prime 105-115# $14.50-16.00; Good and Choice 90-110# $14.50-16.00. Choice and Prime 90-100# shorn slaughter lambs carrying No. 1,2 and fall shorn pelts brought $15.00-15.50; bulk Choice 100-115# $13.50-15.25; Good and Choice 90-110# $14.00-15.00. Cull to Choice wooled and shorn slaughter ewes $2.00-5.00.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA AND UTAH - Direct trade on slaughter steers and heifers was moderately active, steady to 50¢ lower, most of decline occurring late; stocker and feeder cattle and calves steady to 50¢ off. Spring lambs mostly steady except few loads and couple bands for slaughter in May 25-50¢ higher.

Slaughter steers: In California, 54 loads Choice 925-1100# $24.75-25.35; over California and Arizona, loadlots mostly Choice with few Good 875-1150# $23.50-24.50, same grades 1150-1250# $23.00-23.75; Good and mixed Good and Choice 850-1200# $22.75-23.50, Standard and Good 900-1200# $21.50-22.50, mostly Standard 900-1100# $21.00-21.50. In Utah, high-Good and Choice 1100-1150# $22.50-23.00.

Slaughter heifers: California and Arizona, loadlots Good to mostly Choice 725-1000# $23.00-24.50; mixed Good and Choice 825-850# $22.50.

Stockers and feeders: Good and Choice 370-535# steers $26.00-27.00, some with heifer ends $24.00-25.00, with 450 near 425-460# $28.00 on steers, $26.00 heifers, delivered basis; Good and Choice largely 550-750# steers $22.80-24.25, heifers 450-650# $22.00-23.50; 925 Medium and Good 650-700# steers $19.50-20.00.

Lambs: In Arizona 8,000 Choice and Prime 95-105# spring slaughter offerings $17.00; 10,000 110-112# $16.00. In California, 8 loads expected Choice and Prime 95-103# at May 1-10 delivery $18.00; 3,200 Choice and Fancy 75-85# spring feeder lambs $17.50-17.75; bulk Choice and Prime 95-112# spring slaughter lambs $16.00-17.00, with Choice and Fancy 65-90# feeders $16.50-17.25, some bands of latter expected to have Choice and Prime slaughter end.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN KANSAS AND WESTERN NEBRASKA - Trading on slaughter cattle slow. Slaughter steers sold early in the week steady but late sales were fully 50¢ lower. Slaughter heifers sold steady early with late sales 25-75¢ lower, mostly 50¢ off. In Colorado, early in the week 41 loads low and average-Choice 1100-1275# slaughter steers $24.50-24.75; 60 loads same grades and weights after Tuesday $23.75-

24.25; 9 loads high-Good and Choice 1125-1250# $23.25-23.75; 8 loads Standard to high-Good 1275# Holsteins $20.00-20.25; 34 loads low and average-Choice 825-1050# slaughter heifers $24.00-24.25 with 110 loads selling late at $23.25-23.75; 8 loads high-Good to average-Choice 900-975# $23.00-23.50. Western Nebraska: Four loads high-Good to mostly Choice 1225# steers $23.25 f.o.b. feedlot. Wyoming: Load average and high-Choice 1200# steers $24.75, load high-Good and Choice 1100# $23.00 f.o.b. feedlot; 5 loads average and high-Choice 1000-1075# heifers $23.25-24.00, latter price delivered packing plants.

Few sales stockers and feeders weak to 50¢ lower. Western Kansas: Nine loads Good and Choice 875-950# partly fattened steers for further feeding $23.00-23.75; 6 loads Good and Choice 675-745# $24.25-24.50; 12 loads Good to mostly Choice 600-675# heifers $22.50-23.25. Colorado: Five loads Good and Choice 450-465# short-yearling heifers $25.00.

Old-crop slaughter lambs in a clean-up stage and most sales were 50¢-1.50 lower. Colorado: Choice and Prime wooled slaughter lambs 90-110# $15.50-17.00, late sales mostly $15.50-16.00. Choice and Prime shorn lambs No. 1,2 and 3 pelts 90-110# $14.50-16.00. Kansas: Three loads Choice and Prime 88-106# spring slaughter lambs $18.00.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis Area - Hot, dry winds, blowing dust, 80-90 degree temperatures. Slaughter cattle trading moderately active, prices 50¢ lower, instances $1.00 off. Stockers and feeders slow, weak to 50¢ lower. Four-hundred head Good to mostly Choice 1100# slaughter steers $24.00; 382 head Good and Choice 1002-1180# $23.40-23.75; 264 Good 1039-1100# $22.75-23.50. In south Texas, 1,300 Good 600-650# feeder steers $23.00-23.50; 2,500 Medium 475-575# for up to June delivery $21.00-21.50; 1,100 Good 600-625# heifers $20.50-21.25; few Medium 650# $20.00. Fall delivery, 1,500 Good and Choice 650# feeder heifers $21.00; 200 Choice 450-475# stock calves, $25.50 on steers and $23.00 for heifers; 340 Good and Choice 400-425# stock calves for current delivery $26.50-28.50 on steers and $23.00-24.00 on heifers.

Amarillo Area - Direct trading slow on all classes, slaughter cattle steady to weak, stockers and feeders about steady. Around 150 Good to mostly Choice 1175# slaughter steers $23.75; 54 Good 800-840# slaughter heifers $22.00; About 300 Medium and Good 600-725# stocker and feeder steers $22.00-23.00; June delivery,215 Good 800# feeders $21.80; 150 Good 625# $23.50; 500 Choice and Fancy 585# heifers $24.50; 445 Good and Choice 590-650# $23.00-23.25; 225 Good and Choice 490-525# calves $25.50-26.00 on steers, $24.00 on heifers; 800 Good and Choice 390-425# $30.00 steers, $26.00 heifers; Oklahoma, August-October 275 Good and Choice 425-475# stock calves $26.00 steers, $23.00-24.00 heifers.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Slaughter steers and heifers slow, weak to 50¢ lower; stockers & feeders steady to weak; slaughter lambs mostly 25¢ lower.

Slaughter steers: Washington - Good to mostly Choice 1000-1200# $23.75-24.50; Good with end of low-Choice 1000-1100# $22.50. Idaho - average and high-Choice 1000-1100# $22.50-23.00; Good to mostly Choice 1200-1300# $21.50-22.50. Oregon - Choice 1000# $24.00-24.50 delivered with mixed Good and Choice 1015-1050# $22.75-23.00 f.o.b. Northwest Montana - Mixed Good and Choice 1030-1040# $23.00-23.25.

Slaughter heifers: Washington - Two loads Choice 850# $23.90 delivered. Idaho - average and high-Choice 900-950# $23.00-23.50; Good to mostly Choice 860# $21.50-21.75.

Stockers and feeders: Washington - Choice 750-900# steers $21.00-23.00. Good and Choice yearlings $27.00 on steers, $24.50 on heifers; Good 400# heifer calves $90.00 per head. Idaho - Good and Choice 580-680# $24.50 on steers, $23.00 on heifers. Oregon - Good 850-900# steers $20.50-22.00. Good 3-6-year-old cows with calves at side $250.00 per pair.

Slaughter lambs: Oregon - Several loads Choice and Prime 95-105# No. 2-3 pelt old crop $14.25-15.50 delivered.

MONTANA, NORTHERN WYOMING AND WESTERN DAKOTAS - Trading slow. Slaughter steers and heifers 25-50¢ lower, stocker yearlings steady.

Slaughter steers and heifers: Load average-Choice 1000-1025# steers $23.50; 200 mostly Choice 1050-1200# $22.50-23.25. Around 100 Choice 900-1025# heifers $21.50-22.50.

Stockers and feeders: Few sales Good and mixed Good and Choice steers 650-750# $22.50-23.00, heifers 600-725# $21.00-21.50. Around 400 high-Good to mostly Choice mixed yearlings for October delivery, steers $23.00, heifers $21.00. Five hundred Good and Choice stock cows with calves at side $180.00-225.00 per pair. Around 200 Choice and Fancy 475-500# steer calves $137.00 per head; scattered lots Choice calves, steers 375-425# $27.50-29.00, heifers 350-425# $25.50-27.00.

Sheep: Slaughter lambs steady to weak. Montana - 500 Choice 100# shorn slaughter lambs, No. 2 pelts $15.25-15.50; 1,000 Choice 108# shorn with No. 2 pelts $16.00 delivered; 300 Good to mostly Choice wooled 3-year-old ewes $19.00 each. Wyoming - 1,000 shorn Medium and Good broken-mouth ewes, will lamb early May, $6.50 per cwt.

Wool: About 20,000# fine and half-blood in Montana $1.07, clean basis, f.o.b. Boston. Bulk moderate shrinking fine and half-blood in Montana and northern Wyoming 37.5-40¢, grease basis. Around 40,000# heavy shrinking, fine and half-blood 34¢.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Apr. 22 1961	Apr. 23 1960	Apr. 22 1961	Apr. 23 1960	Apr. 22 1961	Apr. 23 1960	Apr. 22 1961	Apr. 23 1960
Chicago	37,070	44,203	159	221	31,626	32,751	3,556	3,869
Cincinnati	3,415	3,546	658	696	10,812	11,880	499	221
Denver	9,248	10,897	293	476	5,473	5,526	15,587	23,333
Fort Worth	7,245	7,623	659	1,924	2,303	3,937	30,963	17,224
Indianapolis	7,412	6,765	321	691	30,468	33,071	766	791
Kansas City	22,591	20,387	534	1,328	17,740	21,504	9,609	5,369
Oklahoma City	7,432	6,998	675	929	3,566	4,566	2,998	2,876
Omaha	38,829	36,792	375	542	44,249	41,478	12,873	15,347
St. Joseph	15,148	16,677	425	545	27,673	35,237	9,147	3,136
St. Louis NSY	13,631	15,138	1,369	1,648	53,287	70,647	2,318	1,915
Sioux City	25,586	26,313	413	479	34,988	40,128	6,431	7,544
S. St. Paul	19,689	21,667	4,418	6,187	40,099	50,126	7,435	6,882
Total	207,296	217,006	10,299	15,666	302,284	350,851	102,182	88,507
April 15, 1961	186,382		12,663		292,621		98,036	

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

	Apr. 22, 1961	Apr. 15, 1961	Apr. 23, 1960
Hogs	338,000	345,000	353,000
Sheep	28,400	26,400	24,900

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended			Month		Three months Jan.-Mar.	
	Apr. 20 1961	Apr. 13 1961	Apr. 21 1960	Mar. 1961	Mar. 1960	1961	1960
Steers - 1001# up	764	364	544	2,801	3,135	10,207	8,464
901-1000	2,014	1,553	1,900	8,444	10,979	26,155	27,320
801-900	3,295	2,283	2,772	11,836	14,886	41,523	42,249
701-800	3,426	3,385	4,796	15,660	15,160	47,031	49,907
501-700	10,670	11,416	14,454	53,689	40,885	136,770	109,582
Total steers 10 markets	20,169	19,001	24,466	92,430	85,045	261,686	237,522
Av. wts. " " "	718#	691#	692#	697#	730#	715#	730#
Av. cost* " " "	$23.95	$24.49	$25.59	$24.09	$24.90	$24.24	$24.20
" " " Chicago	22.98	23.53	25.30	22.95	25.01	23.17	24.05
" " " Kansas City	24.18	24.69	25.95	24.50	25.14	24.19	24.09
" " " Omaha	23.53	24.94	25.68	23.70	24.27	24.23	23.98
" " " S. St. Paul	22.85	21.72	22.89	21.63	24.63	21.89	23.02
" " " Sioux City	25.18	25.89	26.71	25.58	25.99	25.85	25.51
" " " Denver	23.27	23.10	25.65	24.77	25.14	25.18	24.81
" " " Ft. Worth	22.19	23.24	24.18	23.22	24.44	23.43	23.69
" " " Oklahoma City	22.89	23.97	24.19	23.53	23.91	23.39	23.25
" " " S. St. Joseph	25.08	25.60	25.56	24.38	24.51	23.87	23.83
" " " St. Louis NSY	23.34	22.59	24.64	23.06	24.51	23.00	23.42
Total calves - 10 markets	5,617	7,000	7,061	34,324	28,342	134,649	114,314
" heifers " "	2,932	3,299	4,027	13,179	13,078	37,540	34,597
" cows " "	593	480	383	2,280	3,517	9,248	9,032

* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

ESTIMATED PERCENT OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	Chicago	Kansas City	Omaha	S. St. Joseph	St. Louis NSY	Sioux City	S. St. Paul	Indianapolis	Denver	Ft. Worth	Okla. City	Wichita	San Antonio
Stockers and feeders													
Apr. 21, 1961	2	47	10	11	8	21	6	12	8	55	55	44	50
Apr. 14, 1961	2	49	10	13	9	38	7	12	5	50	57	42	60
Apr. 22, 1960	2	49	17	16	7	29	5	10	10	70	75	60	45
Slaughter cows													
Apr. 21, 1961	5	7	8	7	9	5	19	12	10	20	10	12	15
Apr. 14, 1961	5	6	7	3	7	5	20	12	10	10	9	11	15
Apr. 22, 1960	4	8	8	7	9	6	25	13	23	15	8	18	20

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Week ended							
	Apr. 20 1961	Apr. 21 1960	Apr. 20 1961	Apr. 21 1960	Apr. 20 1961	Apr. 21 1960	Apr. 20 1961	Apr. 21 1960
CHICAGO								
Prime	3,351	2,661	11.6	8.2	1,265	1,239	27.23	30.36
Choice	17,563	18,726	60.6	57.3	1,204	1,185	25.12	27.60
Good	6,560	9,752	22.6	29.8	1,136	1,095	23.35	25.78
Standard	1,187	1,130	4.1	3.5	1,025	988	21.31	22.31
Commercial	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility	301	402	1.1	1.2	1,012	1,051	19.32	20.24
All grades	28,962	32,671			1,186	1,154	24.81	27.08
OMAHA								
Prime	75	94	.4	.6	1,235	1,198	25.39	29.29
Choice	8,178	5,848	44.5	34.7	1,182	1,182	24.00	27.39
Good	8,939	9,573	48.6	56.8	1,101	1,100	22.70	25.56
Standard	996	815	5.4	4.8	1,115	1,086	19.50	22.18
Utility	201	515	1.1	3.1	1,018	991	18.15	20.31
All grades	18,389	16,845			1,138	1,125	23.10	25.95
SIOUX CITY								
Prime	81	76	.7	.7	1,289	1,213	26.93	29.59
Choice	6,432	3,937	51.7	37.9	1,178	1,181	24.28	27.39
Good	4,875	5,565	39.1	53.6	1,135	1,109	23.30	25.77
Standard	1,063	648	8.5	6.3	1,083	1,055	19.73	21.79
Utility	--	152	--	1.5	--	1,008	--	19.36
All grades	12,451	10,378			1,153	1,132	23.56	26.13
KANSAS CITY								
Prime	--	8	--	.1	--	1,228	--	28.00
Choice	2,959	2,386	42.0	42.3	1,159	1,133	24.28	27.49
Good	3,473	2,083	49.3	37.0	1,087	1,070	23.17	25.71
Standard	577	1,021	8.2	18.1	1,079	1,036	20.01	22.48
Commercial	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility	32	143	.5	2.5	1,022	1,025	17.97	19.32
All grades	7,041	5,641			1,116	1,090	23.38	25.79
ST. LOUIS NSY								
Prime	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	617	371	9.5	6.0	1,043	1,187	24.71	27.78
Good	3,990	4,022	61.2	65.5	1,024	1,024	23.21	25.95
Standard	1,838	961	28.2	15.7	981	964	20.87	22.93
Commercial	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility	75	785	1.1	12.8	960	959	18.74	20.28
All grades	6,520	6,139			1,013	1,016	22.67	24.95
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	3,190	3,455	44.8	42.5	1,130	1,148	24.11	27.68
Good	3,454	4,052	48.4	49.9	1,098	1,080	22.82	25.78
Standard	485	502	6.8	6.2	1,142	1,103	19.86	21.55
Utility	--	114	--	1.4	--	968	--	19.42
All grades	7,129	8,123			1,115	1,109	23.20	26.28
DENVER								
Prime	39	--	1.1	--	1,347	--	24.50	--
Choice	2,843	2,566	79.0	71.8	1,179	1,191	24.02	26.66
Good	477	910	13.2	25.4	1,128	1,077	22.95	24.66
Standard	221	81	6.1	2.3	1,071	991	19.03	19.83
Utility	21	19	.6	.5	1,031	818	18.00	18.32
All grades	3,601	3,576			1,166	1,156	23.57	26.03

1/ Data collected by Agricultural Estimates, and Livestock Divisions, A.M.S.

WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Apr. 22 1961	Apr. 23 1960	Apr. 22 1961	Apr. 23 1960	Apr. 22 1961	Apr. 23 1960	Apr. 22 1961	Apr. 23 1960
Boston, New York City Area...	12,608	9,030	10,135	9,248	42,540	60,250	39,494	34,757
Baltimore, Philadelphia.....	8,183	7,041	2,293	1,695	29,602	21,404	4,774	3,631
Cin.,Cleve.,Detroit,Indpls...	19,521	17,807	3,861	4,596	120,584	133,978	11,755	11,437
Chicago Area.....	16,265	17,070	5,098	5,475	37,791	37,694	5,480	4,820
St. Paul-Wisc. Areas.....	28,463	28,913	16,253	18,919	101,575	111,483	15,044	10,408
St. Louis Area.....	10,808	9,924	1,283	1,499	77,009	90,894	4,311	3,895
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area...	25,168	19,597	--	--	94,942	94,413	11,656	12,477
Omaha Area.....	37,920	30,872	137	179	78,601	83,235	17,224	11,974
Kansas City.....	16,407	13,002	--	--	35,919	44,138	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota.....	31,004	29,823	8,495	7,093	276,947	278,940	36,430	30,266
Lou'l.Evan'l.Nash'l.Mph's....	6,184	6,094	2,729	3,557	58,442	73,469	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area..	10,118	7,306	3,369	2,314	31,661	36,006	--	--
St. Jo'ph.Wichita, Okla.City.	19,783	18,162	920	1,302	42,830	52,598	9,518	7,895
Ft.Worth,Dallas,San Antonio..	11,655	9,022	4,049	4,344	15,993	19,862	37,007	27,466
Denver,Ogden,Salt Lake City..	25,171	18,981	215	224	14,909	17,244	40,539	28,448
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas.	28,018	24,649	2,073	967	25,452	27,865	45,904	29,444
Portland, Seattle, Spokane...	8,059	7,468	259	239	15,593	15,619	7,087	5,410
Total.....	315,335	274,761	61,169	61,651	1,100,390	1,199,092	286,223	222,328
Accumulation to date.....	4,735,621	4,659,654	1,029,341	1,104,401	17,868,110	19,718,312	4,211,004	3,818,145

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork (excl. lard)		Lamb and mutton		Total meat prod.	Total lard prod.
	Number	Prod.	Number	Prod.	Number	Prod.	Number	Prod.		
	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	mil. lb.	mil.lb.
Apr. 22, 1961	380	228.4	93	11.0	1,270	179.7	305	14.9	434.0	--
Apr. 15, 1961	355	213.4	97	11.2	1,265	177.6	310	15.5	417.7	--
Apr. 1, 1961 1/	354	--	98	--	1,295	--	297	--	--	42.2
Apr. 23, 1960 1/.....	337	201.9	91	10.9	1,341	185.3	244	12.0	410.1	43.6
Percentage change from:										
Apr. 15, 1961	7	7	-4	-2	--	1	-2	-4	4	--
Apr. 23, 1960	13	13	2	1	-5	-3	25	24	6	--

Week ended	Average weight (lb.)								Lard yield per 100 lb.
	Cattle		Calves		Hogs 2/		Sheep and lambs		
	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	
Apr. 22, 1961	1045	601	210	118	244	142	100	49	--
Apr. 15, 1961	1045	601	205	115	240	140	103	50	--
Apr. 1, 1961	1045	601	195	109	236	137	104	50	--
Apr. 23, 1960	1041	599	208	120	238	138	101	49	13.7

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland	
	Apr. 22 1961	Apr. 23 1960	Apr. 22 1961	Apr. 23 1960	Apr. 22 1961	Apr. 23 1960	Apr. 22 1961	Apr. 23 1960	Apr. 22 1961	Apr. 23 1960
Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers										
Steers -										
Prime 900-1100#	26.95	30.00	--	--	26.35	30.02	--	--	--	--
1100-1300	27.18	30.53	--	--	26.25	29.95	--	--	--	--
Choice 900-1100	25.05	27.80	25.02	27.92	24.72	27.90	23.82	26.38	23.75	27.75
1100-1300	24.92	27.83	24.55	27.80	24.60	27.88	23.82	26.39	23.00	27.38
Good 900-1100	23.00	25.18	22.92	25.32	22.65	24.82	21.60	23.58	22.75	25.62
Standard - All wts.	21.00	22.28	20.25	21.80	19.85	21.85	19.05	20.30	20.50	23.12
Heifers -										
Choice 700-900#	24.38	26.80	24.38	27.12	24.30	27.30	23.28	25.60	23.38	--
Good 600-800	--	--	22.25	24.65	22.28	24.15	21.05	22.82	21.75	25.00
Standard - All wts.	19.95	21.25	19.52	21.28	19.50	20.85	18.75	19.25	19.25	22.50
Cows - All weights -										
Commercial	17.72	17.88	17.55	19.10	17.58	18.00	--	18.88	17.00	18.00
Utility	17.35	17.35	16.82	16.98	16.62	16.88	16.85	17.50	16.25	16.75
Cutter	16.70	16.40	16.35	15.60	15.85	15.25	15.50	15.75	14.25	14.00
Canner	15.20	14.80	15.18	13.62	14.98	14.25	14.35	14.75	13.00	12.00
Bulls - All weights -										
Commercial	20.20	21.13	18.38	19.00	18.98	18.75	--	--	--	20.50
Utility	20.72	20.48	18.62	18.75	18.90	18.50	19.00	20.00	20.50	21.25
Calves - 500# down -										
Choice	--	--	24.00	25.80	--	--	--	--	--	29.00
Good	--	--	22.00	23.10	--	--	--	--	--	26.50
Standard	--	--	19.00	20.75	--	--	--	--	--	24.00
Vealers - All wts. -										
Choice	30.50	31.50	29.00	27.00	27.50	26.20	--	--	31.50	32.00
Good	27.00	29.00	25.10	24.50	24.75	23.90	--	--	29.50	29.50
Standard	22.00	23.50	20.75	21.50	21.50	21.00	--	--	25.50	26.00
Stocker and feeder cattle and calves										
Steers -										
Choice 500-800#	26.75	29.00	26.65	29.25	26.25	28.95	26.75	28.00	--	26.25
Good 500-800	24.50	25.75	24.15	25.75	24.38	25.50	24.38	25.25	24.25	24.00
Medium 500-1000	21.25	22.75	20.50	21.75	20.62	21.50	21.25	21.75	20.50	20.25
Heifers -										
Choice 500-750#	--	--	24.00	25.75	24.25	25.75	24.75	25.75	--	24.75
Med. & Gd. 500-750	--	--	20.75	22.25	20.75	22.00	21.75	22.00	--	20.50
Cows - All wts. -										
Med. & Gd.	--	--	17.25	18.25	15.88	14.50	16.50	--	--	15.25
Calves - 300-500# -										
Steers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	28.25	30.00	29.00	30.75	30.25	31.00	--	28.00
Heifers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	25.50	26.50	26.00	27.00	28.25	28.00	--	25.50

HOGS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Interior Iowa and So. Minnesota		St. Louis National Stock Yards		Omaha		Indianapolis		St. Joseph		Kansas City		Peoria	
	Apr. 22 1961	Apr. 23 1960	Apr. 22 1961	Apr. 23 1960	Apr. 22 1961	Apr. 23 1960	Apr. 22 1961	Apr. 23 1960	Apr. 22 1961	Apr. 23 1960	Apr. 22 1961	Apr. 23 1960	Apr. 22 1961	Apr. 23 1960	Apr. 22 1961	Apr. 23 1960
Barrows and gilts -																
U. S. No. 1 & 2																
180-200#	17.62	16.31	--	--	17.48	16.44	17.12	16.30	17.82	16.74	17.22	16.04	16.87	--	17.45	16.55
200-220	17.85	16.72	16.99	--	17.48	16.48	17.58	16.72	17.82	16.78	17.41	16.62	17.22	16.48	17.48	16.58
220-240	17.56	16.54	16.93	--	17.42	16.42	17.58	16.72	17.70	16.68	17.34	16.56	17.22	16.48	17.30	16.45
U. S. No. 2 & 3																
200-220	17.42	16.38	16.59	--	17.20	16.12	17.12	16.35	17.34	16.36	16.96	16.05	17.04	16.01	17.38	16.15
220-240	17.31	16.27	16.56	--	17.09	16.02	17.12	16.35	17.30	16.32	16.90	16.05	17.00	16.01	17.10	16.00
240-270	17.08	16.01	16.13	--	16.82	15.68	16.90	16.15	16.99	15.98	16.71	15.76	16.84	15.85	16.88	15.75
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3																
180-200	17.36	16.18	16.11	15.45	17.30	16.12	16.72	15.98	17.56	16.54	16.92	15.60	16.90	16.00	17.42	16.28
200-220	17.58	16.57	16.74	15.83	17.30	16.17	17.28	16.40	17.58	16.57	17.06	16.16	17.12	16.30	17.42	16.32
220-240	17.44	16.42	16.65	15.72	17.22	16.07	17.28	16.40	17.45	16.49	17.01	16.19	17.08	16.28	17.25	16.20
240-270	17.15	16.17	16.21	15.34	16.94	15.81	16.96	16.25	17.16	16.21	16.80	15.98	16.87	15.96	16.95	15.95
Sows - U.S.1,2 & 3																
270-330	--	--	15.71	14.94	16.48	14.55	16.48	15.22	16.50	14.65	16.28	14.85	16.32	14.48	16.20	14.45
330-400	16.18	14.35	15.33	14.54	16.22	14.20	16.25	14.82	16.22	14.15	16.25	14.45	16.05	14.22	15.85	14.10
400-550	15.58	13.73	14.64	13.71	15.68	13.85	15.92	14.20	15.68	13.62	15.85	14.08	15.65	13.92	15.25	13.68

Classification	South St. Paul		Sioux City		Sioux Falls		Cincinnati		Fort Worth		Thomasville		Baltimore		North Portland	
Barrows and gilts -																
U. S. No. 1 & 2																
180-200#	17.58	16.12	17.28	16.22	--	--	17.76	16.71	--	--	17.38	15.78	18.56	17.66	19.25	18.44
200-220	17.58	16.62	17.46	16.68	17.36	16.68	17.80	16.88	17.72	--	17.38	15.78	18.69	17.69	19.25	18.44
220-240	17.58	16.62	17.44	16.60	17.36	16.68	17.62	16.60	17.88	--	17.38	15.78	--	--	19.16	18.03
U. S. No. 2 & 3																
200-220	17.10	16.08	17.25	16.43	17.18	16.38	17.64	16.82	17.50	16.19	16.62	15.35	--	--	18.50	17.81
220-240	17.10	16.08	17.24	16.41	17.18	16.30	17.46	16.57	17.50	16.19	16.62	15.35	--	--	18.44	17.81
240-270	16.85	15.80	16.97	16.12	16.80	15.95	17.14	16.07	17.12	15.88	16.00	14.80	--	16.44	17.83	17.06
U. S. No. 1,2 & 3																
180-200	17.12	15.85	17.19	16.21	--	--	17.72	16.70	17.41	--	16.82	15.48	18.47	17.53	--	--
200-220	17.12	16.22	17.32	16.56	17.20	16.48	17.66	16.82	17.47	16.41	16.82	15.48	18.59	17.53	--	--
220-240	17.10	16.18	17.28	16.47	17.20	16.48	17.50	16.57	17.34	16.41	16.82	15.48	18.28	17.33	--	--
240-270	16.88	15.82	17.08	16.22	16.80	16.02	17.18	16.07	17.19	16.12	--	--	--	--	--	--
Sows - U.S.1, 2 & 3																
270-330	16.28	14.78	16.52	14.91	--	14.90	16.27	14.15	16.00	14.50	13.38	12.30	16.00	14.21	16.75	14.88
330-400	15.98	14.65	16.38	14.64	16.15	14.75	15.95	13.78	15.58	14.12	13.02	11.80	15.50	14.03	16.00	14.31
400-550	15.70	14.15	15.85	14.10	15.62	14.22	15.45	13.45	15.19	13.69	12.68	11.30	14.38	13.31	15.00	14.00
Feeder pigs - All wts. Good and Choice	16.75	14.90	16.52	--	--	--	--	13.75	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	16.75

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

	Week ended	Chicago	St. Louis Natl. Stock Yards	Kansas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indianapolis	8 mkts. combined
AVERAGE COST -					Dollars per 100 pounds					
Barrows and gilts	Apr. 22, 1961	17.23	17.05	16.89	17.10	17.00	16.84	16.90	17.36	17.05
	Apr. 15, 1961	17.37	17.42	17.54	17.45	17.36	17.45	17.18	17.48	17.39
	Apr. 23, 1960	16.19	15.98	15.96	16.16	16.06	15.96	15.90	16.43	16.06
Sows	Apr. 22, 1961	15.49	15.82	16.05	16.08	15.95	15.93	15.65	15.62	15.84
	Apr. 15, 1961	15.48	16.02	16.50	16.29	16.10	16.21	16.01	15.79	16.00
	Apr. 23, 1960	13.81	13.96	14.21	14.28	14.19	14.31	14.03	13.71	14.04
AVERAGE WEIGHT -					Pounds					
Barrows and gilts	Apr. 22, 1961	237	229	237	242	246	239	240	230	237
	Apr. 15, 1961	237	225	234	240	245	235	241	228	235
	Apr. 23, 1960	236	221	231	241	242	230	239	228	233
Sows	Apr. 22, 1961	445	417	426	416	430	427	417	456	427
	Apr. 15, 1961	450	411	426	424	436	421	418	462	431
	Apr. 23, 1960	452	402	401	427	425	400	415	438	421
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	Apr. 22, 1961	24964	46689	16124	35690	30028	25110	29914	25938	234457
	Apr. 15, 1961	28526	43068	13968	31745	28391	15529	36822	29166	227215
	Apr. 23, 1960	26207	63735	19699	34543	35406	31155	39014	27825	277584
Sows	Apr. 22, 1961	2296	3704	1042	6298	3759	1821	3507	2782	25209
	Apr. 15, 1961	2735	3714	660	4285	2806	933	3388	2860	21381
	Apr. 23, 1960	3042	4867	1054	4239	3227	2456	4271	3227	26383
SOWS					Percentage of total					
	Apr. 22, 1961	8	7	6	15	11	7	10	10	10
	Apr. 15, 1961	9	8	5	12	9	6	8	9	9
	Apr. 23, 1960	10	8	5	11	8	7	10	10	9

1/ Weighted average.

WEEKLY AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

	Hog products 1/	Hog prices 2/	Gross spread or margin 3/
Apr. 22, 1961	$19.28	$17.58	$1.70
Apr. 15, 1961	19.70	17.67	2.03
Apr. 23, 1960	18.76	16.57	2.19

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

2/ Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts 1/ Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn, 2/ No. 3, yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
Apr. 22, 1961	17.23	108.6	15.9
Apr. 15, 1961	17.37	106.4	16.3
Apr. 23, 1960	16.19	121.1	13.4

1/ Weighted average. 2/ Simple average.

SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Portland
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Wooled) - 110# down								
Prime	Apr. 22, 1961	17.42	--	17.50*	--	--	--	14.38**
	Apr. 23, 1960	22.38	22.05	24.05*	23.15*	--	22.75*	--
Choice	Apr. 22, 1961	17.00	16.45	17.10*	16.85*	15.80	--	14.25**
	Apr. 23, 1960	21.63	21.18	23.32*	22.65*	21.12	21.90*	18.19**
Good	Apr. 22, 1961	15.95	15.38	16.00*	15.60*	14.92	--	13.00**
	Apr. 23, 1960	20.63	20.02	20.25	21.90*	20.22	20.70*	17.50**
EWES: (Wooled) - All wts.								
Good and Choice	Apr. 22, 1961	6.70**	5.72**	5.00	--	5.88**	--	4.75**
	Apr. 23, 1960	6.75	5.98	5.50	--	6.45**	6.00	5.75
Cull and Utility	Apr. 22, 1961	5.85**	4.18**	4.25	5.70**	4.25**	--	3.25**
	Apr. 23, 1960	5.25	4.32	4.00	6.40**	4.60**	4.00	4.25
FEEDER LAMBS: - All wts.								
Good and Choice	Apr. 22, 1961	--	16.02	--	13.35	14.85	--	--
	Apr. 23, 1960	--	21.50	--	18.70	20.35	--	15.75

*Spring lambs.
**Shorn basis.

UNITED STATES FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER BY REGIONS
MARCH 1961 - with comparisons
(Thousand head)

Region	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep & Lambs	
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
N. Atlantic States	123	124	149	135	549	514	190	193
S. Atlantic States	50	42	34	28	398	375	1/	1/
N.C.States - Eastern...	251	278	134	162	1,300	1,481	97	85
N.C.States - N.Western.	507	504	54	65	2,335	2,293	414	323
N.C.States - S.Western.	174	162	10	10	590	587	87	72
S. Central States.....	167	138	53	53	633	541	114	81
Mountain States	138	122	2	2	100	113	208	156
Pacific States	218	207	22	26	206	212	200	177
Total	1,627	1,577	457	482	6,110	6,116	1,311	1,088

Other animals slaughtered under Federal inspection, (number of head): Mar. 1961, horses 3,364; goats 7,376; Mar.1960, horses 4,464; goats 2,752.
1/ Not available for publication.
Data furnished by Agricultural Research Service.

WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

EASTERN SEABOARD - Steer beef sold steady to $2.00 lower at most markets and least change at New York where prices for Good and Choice carcasses were steady to weak and small receipts of Prime steady to 50¢ higher. Cow beef was generally weak at New York and steady to $1.00 higher at other points. Veal and calf generally unchanged and majority turnover reported at midpoint of quotations. Lamb prices were steady to $2.00 lower with the decline at New York and Philadelphia. Pork loins steady to $4.00 lower, except New York, mostly $1.00-3.00 higher. Other pork cuts steady to $3.00 lower at all markets.

Prices for Choice and Prime kosher steer forequarters were weak to $1.00 lower at New York. Lamb steady to $1.00 off; veal and calf unchanged.

Trading was somewhat irregular as outlet varied slightly at the several markets. Demand for steer beef was generally good and trading moderately active. However, slowness prevailed at Washington and Baltimore and demand only fair with some carryover at Washington for the second consecutive week. Cow beef was very slow and under pressure at New York. Veal and calf fared well in all areas but clean-up incomplete at New York, mainly hindsaddles. Lamb outlet was moderately broad and best interest for old crop 35-50# carcasses. Foresaddles outsold hind ends at New York where some hindsaddles were carried over. Pork loins met fair to broad demand at New York and bulk sold on $1.00 higher basis, otherwise some decline posted at all markets. The general trend for other pork cuts was steady to $3.00 lower. Supplies were mostly normal for all classes with pork increased a bit over recent past weeks and current representation of spring lamb around 25 percent of total.

CHICAGO - Beef sold steady to 50¢ lower; veal steady; lamb about $1.00 lower; pork loins steady to 50¢ higher; Boston butts 4-8# $1.00-2.00 lower; spareribs 3# down 50¢ lower.

Supplies of fresh meats were moderate. Good and Choice grades predominated in the beef division, with bulk of the lamb 50-70# carcasses. Supply of spring lamb showed slight increase.

Carcass beef trade was slow and weak through most of the period, with the decline occurring on Thursday. Poor demand and lower prices on arm and squarecut beef chucks proved a bearish factor in the carcass trade. Hindquarters, rounds and loins generally had adequate outlets but prices were steady. Below normal supplies of ribs were absorbed as forequarter cutting was at a minimum. All grades of veal met a moderate demand, boning type working higher. Carcass lamb hindsaddles and ribs were slow. Lamb stews and shoulders moved fairly well as most interests concentrated on the cheaper fore end cuts. All fresh pork cuts had moderately broad outlets on the initial session, however, these narrowed as the week progressed.

PACIFIC COAST - Steer and cow beef sold steady to $1.00 lower, steer beef mostly steady in San Francisco. Calf was steady to $2.00 lower, most decline in San Francisco; veal and spring lamb steady to weak; old crop lamb mostly $1.00 lower in the northwest where spring lamb was still scarce. Fresh pork closed steady to $2.00 lower except spareribs firm to $1.00 higher in the northwest. Smoked pork steady to $1.00 lower, decline on hams.

Supplies of spring lambs liberal in California but demand fairly good and trading moderately active. Trading for most other meats slow. Supplies of beef and pork were fairly liberal and generally excessive for moderate demand. Above normal supplies calf in southern California but otherwise veal and calf supplies were moderate, but evenso were somewhat excessive for the demand.

CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

MIDWEST CARLOT DRESSED MEAT SUMMARY - Choice steer beef closed 25-50¢ lower, Good mostly steady. Choice heifer beef sold 50¢-$1.00 lower, Good 50¢ lower; cow beef mostly steady; lamb $1.00 lower. Fresh pork was steady to $1.00 lower; pork carcasses 25-50¢ lower.

Supply of all classes was normal. Demand on beef was moderate with demand on other classes generally good.

Following prices f.o.b. plant basis.

Beef: Choice 600-700# steer carcasses closed at $38.25-39.00, few carlots $39.50; Choice 700-800# $37.25-38.00, few carlots $38.50; Good 600-700# $36.00-37.00, high-Good $37.25-37.50; Good 700-800# $35.50-37.00. Choice 500-700# heifer $37.00-38.00, few carlots $38.50; Good 500-700# $35.00-36.00; Canner, Cutter and Utility cow $31.00-32.50.

Lamb: Choice including some Prime 45-55# carcasses $33.00-35.50, mostly $33.00-34.25.

Pork: Pork loins 8-12# $39.50-40.50; fresh hams 12-14# $36.00-37.00; 14-16# $35.00-36.00; Boston butts 4-8# $32.50-34.00. U.S. 1-3 135-155# pork carcasses $24.25-25.10; 155-175# $24.00-24.70.

Clearance on most classes generally complete.

Based on reports from major slaughtering centers--Omaha, Kansas City, Sioux City, Sioux Falls, St. Paul, St. Joseph, St. Louis and the Interior Iowa and So. Minnesota area.

CARLOT SUMMARY - Chicago, Denver, New York and Philadelphia. Steer beef closed steady to 50¢ lower with Good 50¢-$1.00 off in Philadelphia; heifer and cow beef steady to $1.00 lower. Lamb sold weak to $1.00 lower, largely 50¢-$1.00 off; pork loins 50¢ higher at Chicago, but $1.50 lower at Philadelphia.

Trading on most classes was rather slow with supplies moderate.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS
Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
		Apr. 22 1961	Apr. 23 1960	Apr. 22 1961	Apr. 23 1960	Apr. 22 1961	Apr. 23 1960	Apr. 22 1961	Apr. 23 1960
Steer beef -									
Prime	700-800#	44.45	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	600-700	43.25	47.20	41.38	46.06	40.75	45.00	40.12	45.25
	700-800	41.75	46.20	40.38	44.50	39.50	43.50	38.69	43.69
Good	500-600	40.50	43.85	39.00	43.19	40.50	43.50	39.00	43.25
	600-700	40.75	44.20	39.00	43.19	39.00	42.50	38.00	42.50
Heifer beef -									
Choice	500-600#	--	--	40.62	44.69	39.50	44.50	39.75	44.94
	600-700	--	--	39.88	44.69	--	--	38.75	43.69
Good	500-600	--	--	37.75	41.63	--	--	38.50	42.50
Veal -									
Prime	90-120#	62.00	57.30	59.00	55.00	--	--	--	--
Choice	90-120	52.00	48.00	52.00	49.50	--	--	--	--
Good	90-120	46.50	43.50	47.50	45.00	52.00	53.00	--	--
Spring lamb -									
Prime	45-55#	44.00	--	37.50*	46.50*	38.50	45.25	39.50	45.50
Choice	45-55	44.00	--	37.50*	46.50*	38.50	45.25	39.50	45.50
Fresh pork -									
Loins	8-12#	45.90	43.20	41.88	41.00	46.00	48.00	43.50	44.12
Butts	4-8	38.70	35.90	36.00	31.00	42.50	39.00	41.00	36.50
Spareribs	3# down	41.15	41.70	37.88	36.00	47.50	47.00	41.50	43.75
Cured pork -									
Hams, smk. skd. -(Cook before eating)	12-16#	45.00	46.80	45.25	50.70	46.50	50.50	44.88	49.50
Bacon, smoked, sliced - 1# package (box lots)		47.50	41.70	53.25	52.00	54.50	51.00	54.00	52.00
Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating)	4-8#	36.00	29.90	36.00	35.00	35.50	32.00	34.50	32.00
Lard, 1# carton		17.25	12.75	17.25	13.50	18.00	16.50	18.00	15.41

* Old crop lamb.

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED APRIL 21, 1961

Classification		Prices paid F.O.B. Chicago	Denver	Omaha	Prices delivered New York	Philadelphia
Steer beef -						
Choice	600-700#	39.00-39.50	37.50-38.50	38.25-39.00	41.00-41.75	41.00-41.50
	700-800	38.00-39.00	37.00-38.00	37.25-37.75	40.00-41.00	40.00-40.50
	800-900	37.75-38.50	36.50-37.00	37.00-37.25	39.50-40.00	39.00-40.00
Good	500-600	36.50-37.50	--	--	39.00-40.00	--
	600-700	36.50-37.50	34.00-37.00	36.50-37.25	38.50-39.50	37.50-39.50
	700-800	36.00-37.00	33.50-37.00	36.25-36.50	38.00-39.50	37.00-39.00
Heifer beef -						
Choice	500-600#	38.00-39.00	38.00-39.00	37.00-37.50	--	--
	600-700	38.00-38.50	36.70-37.70	37.00-37.50	--	40.00-40.50
Good	500-600	36.50-37.00	35.50-37.00	35.00-35.50	--	--
	600-700	36.00-36.50	35.00-35.50	35.00-35.50	--	--
Cow beef - All weights -						
Utility		31.00-32.00	30.50-32.50	30.50-31.50	--	32.50-33.50
Canner and Cutter		31.50-32.50	--	31.00-31.50	--	32.50-33.00
Lamb -						
Prime	35-45#	--	--	--	38.00-40.00	38.00-39.00
	45-55	--	--	33.25-34.25	35.00-37.00	35.50-36.50
	55-65	--	--	30.75-31.25	32.00-34.00	33.00-34.00
Choice	35-45	--	34.50-35.50	--	38.00-40.00	38.00-39.00
	45-55	33.00-35.00	32.00-35.00	33.25-34.25	35.00-37.00	35.50-36.50
	55-65	30.00-32.50	30.00-31.50	30.75-31.25	32.00-34.00	33.00-34.00
Fresh pork -						
Loins	8-12#	41.00-41.50	--	40.50-41.00	--	42.50-43.00

BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Trading was active at the Boston wool market as prices advanced about 3¢ clean basis. Approximately 10 cars of greasy combing wools were moved with fine and half-blood grades in best demand. Scoured pulled winter wool was in short supply. Demand was good for noils with prices about 1-2¢ higher. Scoured shorn wools were slow at about steady prices.

Trading was active in the territory States and prices advanced. In Texas wool was purchased as shorn, while shearing was delayed in the fleece States due to a severe snow storm.

Midweek cables from Australia showed prices strong with Japan and Eastern Europe active. New Zealand quotes were par to 5½ percent higher with Japan and Europe dominating. Prices in the Cape market were higher with short wools in good demand under keen general competition. The Montevideo market was active and about 80 percent of stocks sold with United Kingdom, China and Japan operating while Buenos Aires was firm.

Fleece Wools - Graded 56/58s staple and good French combing wools sold at $1.00 clean basis. Graded 50/54s staple fleeces moved at 97¢ and low quarter-blood staple, grading 46/48s, brought 94¢ clean.

Heavy snow and cold weather in the midwest delayed shearing there. Buyers were paying mostly 40-42¢, while some early shorn choice fine Ohio delaine wools moved at 38-40¢ grease basis to the growers.

Territory Wools - Graded 64s good French combing and staple wool sold at $1.18 clean basis while a good volume of graded 64s sold for June delivery up to $1.20 delivered East.

RANGE SALES FOLLOW: Original bag bulk fine and half-blood wools sold in Montana at 40¢ in the grease and were estimated up to $1.00 clean basis while around 200,000# of original bag bulk fine and half-blood wools moved in the Basin Area of Wyoming at 34-43¢ grease basis f.o.b. and were estimated to cost around $1.03-1.04 clean. Several clips of bulk half and three-eighths sold in Utah from 40-43¢ in the grease while the Deseret clip of about 250,000#, 40 percent of which was 9½ months wool, bulk half-blood, some three-eighths, brought 40¢ grease basis, f.o.b. Recent sales of bulk fine and half-blood wools in Oregon at 39-42¢ grease basis, was estimated to cost clean around $1.06-1.07 delivered East. The Ellensburg, Washington pool of approximately 80,000#, mostly medium grades with some half-blood sold at 49.51¢ grease basis, f.o.b. Other sales this week included original bag bulk fine and half-blood at $1.10-1.12 while bulk half and three-eighths territory wool moved around $1.07 clean basis, delivered.

Texas Wools - Heavy shrinking delaine type 12 months Texas wool sold around $1.20-1.22 clean basis. A moderate volume of 8 months wool sold in Del Rio at 54-57¢ and was estimated at $1.10-1.15 clean basis while good French combing and staple 12 months brought mostly $1.18-1.20 with some lots up to $1.22 clean basis, delivered East.

Mohair - The mohair market was very active with a large volume of adult hair alone sold at 95¢ to the warehouse. Trading was active at the Boston market in all grades of mohair tops and matchings for worsted and woolen consumption.

Foreign Wools - Quotations were higher in all foreign wool centers with the sharpest increase in Montevideo. Combing wools converted to clean U. S. oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields, in bond as follows:

Australia Oil-combed			New Zealand Oil-combed
61B - $1.19	431B - $1.07		93 - $.92
62B - 1.17	432B - 1.06		834 - .89
62AB- 1.16	433B - 1.01		100 - .87
77B - 1.17	434B - .98		107 - .84
78B - 1.15			114 - .82
78AB- 1.13			128 - .82
79B - 1.11			Carpet fleeces 78¢

South Africa

Oil-combed		Scoured yields	
7 - $1.13	48 - $1.09	17 - $1.09	28 - $1.03
8 - 1.11	52 - 1.09	22 - 1.08	32 - 1.02
12 - 1.11	53 - 1.08	27 - 1.04	33 - 1.00
47 - 1.11			

Montevideo Super Skirted Wools - 64s - $1.01, 60/64s - 98¢, 60s - 93¢, 60/58s - 91¢, 58/56s - 90¢, 56/50s - 89¢.

Carpet Wools - Trading for spot carpet wools was slow while prices were stronger in the primary markets. A spot lot of medium yellow near Eastern carpet wool sold at 61¢ clean fibers present. Greasy Buenos Aires fleeces were priced at 78¢, November second clip wools around 75¢ and March wools at 71-72¢ with New Zealand fleeces at 78¢. On April 26 approximately 4,805 bales of carpet wools will be auctioned at Liverpool, 690 bales of which will be Afghanistan carpet wool.

Woolen Wools - Trading was slow. Sales follow:

Scoured Pulled Domestic

56/58s ave. 2" gray $.75

Scoured Shorn Domestic

Blend 58s 1½-2" ave. color $.85

Greasy Pulled Domestic (Clean basis)

58s 1½-2½" choice $1.03
58s under 2" choice 1.00

Scoured Pulled Foreign

N. Z. 50/56s ave. 2½" ch. wh. $1.16

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - Apr. 20, 1961
(Furnished by the Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange)

May - wool tops - $1.580
July - wool tops - 1.589
64s grade - 2.55" minimum length
May wool - $1.202
July wool - 1.235
64s grade - 2½" ave. stretched length

MONTHLY AVERAGE PRICE 1/ - SLAUGHTER STEERS - CHICAGO
CHOICE GRADE

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Av.
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
1956 ..	20.02	18.88	19.41	20.56	20.70	21.05	22.37	25.81	27.27	26.08	24.30	21.99	22.30
1957 ..	21.23	20.57	21.86	22.99	23.31	23.48	25.12	25.63	24.98	24.67	25.20	25.98	23.83
1958 ..	26.82	27.54	29.90	29.37	28.83	28.07	26.99	26.11	26.70	26.67	26.77	27.19	27.42
1959 ..	28.13	27.85	29.11	30.33	29.34	28.48	27.89	27.56	27.62	27.19	26.53	25.57	27.83
1960 ..	26.42	26.69	28.08	27.76	27.43	26.04	25.64	25.07	24.80	24.94	26.08	26.86	26.24
1961 ..	27.42	26.17	25.70										
ALL GRADES													
1956 ..	20.01	18.85	18.89	19.87	20.12	20.79	22.28	25.61	27.31	26.00	23.97	21.65	22.00
1957 ..	20.94	20.28	21.36	22.61	22.85	23.07	24.76	25.45	24.84	24.48	25.06	25.74	23.48
1958 ..	26.31	26.65	28.28	28.59	28.27	27.67	26.75	25.91	26.65	26.70	26.79	27.01	27.09
1959 ..	27.81	27.44	28.22	29.32	28.82	28.15	27.61	27.36	27.48	27.06	26.31	25.26	27.53
1960 ..	26.10	26.37	27.40	27.13	26.75	25.58	25.30	24.75	24.62	24.83	26.00	26.61	25.93
1961 ..	27.02	25.84	25.32										

MONTHLY AVERAGE WEIGHT 1/- SLAUGHTER STEERS - CHICAGO
CHOICE GRADE

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Av.
	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.
1956 ..	1,164	1,187	1,189	1,192	1,174	1,163	1,143	1,116	1,099	1,113	1,136	1,153	1,152
1957 ..	1,176	1,199	1,196	1,178	1,180	1,181	1,154	1,140	1,141	1,142	1,138	1,138	1,162
1958 ..	1,157	1,165	1,172	1,157	1,156	1,166	1,165	1,164	1,156	1,165	1,174	1,192	1,166
1959 ..	1,209	1,209	1,211	1,199	1,201	1,195	1,196	1,187	1,180	1,160	1,159	1,165	1,187
1960 ..	1,191	1,196	1,208	1,186	1,188	1,180	1,186	1,180	1,172	1,165	1,167	1,173	1,183
1961 ..	1,180	1,180	1,195										
ALL GRADES													
1956 ..	1,154	1,166	1,151	1,141	1,125	1,134	1,125	1,109	1,109	1,115	1,129	1,143	1,134
1957 ..	1,148	1,157	1,151	1,143	1,140	1,136	1,120	1,124	1,126	1,131	1,138	1,141	1,137
1958 ..	1,141	1,129	1,114	1,118	1,119	1,132	1,138	1,143	1,145	1,161	1,175	1,190	1,144
1959 ..	1,194	1,187	1,168	1,149	1,162	1,165	1,166	1,163	1,158	1,151	1,152	1,158	1,164
1960 ..	1,176	1,174	1,169	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,158	1,153	1,152	1,153	1,164	1,166	1,160
1961 ..	1,180	1,172	1,177										

MONTHLY AVERAGE COST 1/ -- BARROWS AND GILTS - 8 MARKETS COMBINED 2/

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Av.
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
1956 ..	11.70	12.41	13.20	15.01	16.31	16.68	16.47	16.87	16.29	15.64	14.90	16.69	14.82
1957 ..	17.89	17.16	17.25	17.95	18.24	19.65	20.79	21.27	19.34	17.20	17.01	18.45	18.29
1958 ..	19.26	20.16	21.20	20.64	22.03	22.97	23.12	21.33	20.42	18.88	18.13	17.86	20.25
1959 ..	16.63	15.63	15.89	16.09	16.09	15.91	14.40	14.65	13.81	13.11	12.61	11.86	14.64
1960 ..	12.65	13.56	15.55	15.96	16.03	16.88	17.74	16.91	16.59	17.30	17.36	17.27	15.96
1961 ..	17.33	18.13	17.53										

MONTHLY AVERAGE WEIGHT 1/ - BARROWS AND GILTS - 8 MARKETS COMBINED 2/

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Av.
	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.	Lb.
1956 ..	231	227	224	223	223	221	217	211	214	217	223	227	222
1957 ..	232	229	230	230	230	226	215	208	210	218	225	229	224
1958 ..	232	228	229	233	234	229	219	214	218	224	230	233	227
1959 ..	238	232	229	232	231	229	221	216	218	224	228	230	228
1960 ..	232	228	229	232	234	232	228	223	222	225	231	232	229
1961 ..	236	232	231										

1/ Weighted average. 2/ Eight markets include Chicago, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Louis National Stock Yards, Sioux City, South St. Joseph, and South St. Paul.

MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS PREPARED AND PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Product	Week ended - 1961				
	Mar. 4 1961	Mar. 11 1961	Mar. 18 1961	Mar. 25 1961	Apr. 1 1961
	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#
Placed in cure -					
Beef 1/	3,112	3,496	3,350	2,666	2,868
Pork 1/	56,694	64,083	70,287	66,051	55,942
Other 1/	341	571	73	25	175
Smoked and / or dried -					
Beef 1/	825	936	747	746	612
Pork 1/	42,113	48,371	57,238	59,781	46,967
Cooked meat -					
Beef	1,540	1,797	2,582	1,708	1,738
Pork	3,584	4,753	6,229	6,967	4,238
Other	62	66	87	91	82
Sausage -					
Fresh finished	4,475	4,903	4,903	4,880	4,826
To be dried or semi-dried	1,980	2,291	2,162	2,242	2,275
Franks, wieners	13,399	12,239	12,064	11,783	11,915
Other, smoked or cooked	11,853	12,468	12,608	12,512	12,003
Loaf, head cheese, chili, jellied products	3,367	3,443	3,692	3,577	3,681
Steaks, chops, roasts	10,727	11,803	12,770	10,768	11,737
Meat extract	--	94	15	106	62
Sliced bacon 1/	16,799	17,775	18,166	17,569	19,046
Sliced, other 1/ 2/	5,102	5,635	5,708	5,790	5,684
Hamburger	3,570	4,105	3,950	3,891	3,850
Miscellaneous meat product	4,468	4,862	4,551	4,153	4,900
Lard, rendered	38,105	39,190	41,175	40,072	40,564
Lard, refined	24,842	27,639	25,788	26,658	26,874
Oleo stock	1,328	1,407	1,329	1,356	1,318
Edible tallow	7,868	8,407	8,162	8,364	8,212
Rendered pork fat -					
Rendered	1,501	1,627	1,733	1,630	1,650
Refined	745	728	805	615	686
Compound cont'g animal fat	12,272	17,096	15,413	15,077	12,869
Oleomargarine " "	1,634	2,186	2,364	1,964	2,549
Canned product (for civilian use and Dept. of Defense)	48,382	51,362	52,576	50,498	47,385
Total 1/	320,687	353,335	370,525	361,543	334,709

1/ This figure represents "inspection pounds" as some of the products may have been inspected and recorded more than once due to having been subjected to more than one distict processing treatment, such as curing first, then smoking, slicing.

2/ Includes sliced dried beef, sliced sausage, loaves, etc.

Meat Inspection Branch, Agricultural Research Service.

MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS PREPARED AND PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - CONTINUED

Product	Week ended - 1961									
	Mar. 4		Mar. 11		Mar. 18		Mar. 25		Apr. 1	
	3 lb. or over	Under 3 lb.	3 lb. or over	Under 3 lb.	3 lb. or over	Under 3 lb.	3 lb. or over	Under 3 lb.	3 lb. or over	Under 3 lb.
Canned product (For civilian use only)	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#
Luncheon meat	2,058	2,663	2,235	3,103	1,892	3,454	1,951	3,411	2,157	2,980
Canned hams	5,994	60	5,988	67	5,321	25	4,959	43	5,444	44
Corned beef hash	120	999	77	874	207	857	122	1,104	181	1,671
Chili con carne	165	1,528	90	2,466	207	2,614	123	1,467	152	1,906
Viennas	14	1,092	50	1,310	22	1,345	31	1,346	79	1,324
Franks, wieners in brine	--	141	8	147	8	293	5	305	4	174
Deviled ham	--	200	--	200	--	199	--	179	--	175
Other potted or deviled meat food products	--	641	--	694	--	793	--	1,211	--	694
Tamales	89	1,002	--	412	75	405	6	514	2	466
Sliced dried beef	4	23	2	57	3	67	2	62	2	53
Chopped beef	--	215	37	213	3	187	--	184	--	110
Meat stew (all products)	51	2,065	28	2,855	93	2,233	17	3,002	31	1,710
Spaghetti meat products	81	1,780	95	2,007	65	2,329	28	1,297	53	925
Tongue (other than pickled)	11	20	9	15	15	17	14	17	13	15
Vinegar pickled products	197	313	171	506	192	309	195	338	197	322
Bulk sausage	--	71	--	142	13	123	--	138	--	132
Hamburger, rstd. or corned beef, meat & gravy	194	2,271	124	3,557	55	4,144	164	3,624	64	3,952
Soups	722	14,409	435	12,528	282	12,597	357	14,222	95	10,596
Sausage in oil	128	77	122	181	45	74	90	89	47	139
Tripe	--	26	--	78	--	113	--	122	--	115
Brains	--	18	--	75	--	34	--	44	--	43
Canned loins and picnics	301	22	373	13	282	--	241	8	253	6
All other with meat and/or meat byproducts -										
20% or more	149	826	158	2,090	75	2,326	133	1,865	122	1,732
Less than 20%	245	5,660	240	5,631	69	6,928	149	4,759	109	4,084
Total	10,524	36,121	10,241	39,222	8,923	41,469	8,588	39,352	9,007	33,368

Note: See footnote at bottom of page 328.

CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED APRIL 1, 1961

On April 1, 1961, a total of 7,015,000 head of cattle and calves were on feed for market in the 26 major feeding States, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This number was 5 percent higher than the 6,671,000 head on feed in these States April 1 last year, but down seasonally from the 7,587,000 head on feed January 1, 1961. The number on feed declined 8 percent from January 1 to April 1 this year, compared with a 7 percent decline during the same period in 1960.

About two-thirds of the increase shown in number on feed this April over a year earlier was in cattle weighing 900 pounds and over.

The number of cattle and calves on feed in the North Central States April 1, 1961 totaled 4,962,000 head--up 3 percent from the 4,831,000 head on feed April 1, last year. Iowa, the leading State, was down 5 percent, but Illinois was up 5 percent, and Nebraska was down slightly. All other States in this region, except Missouri which was down 3 percent, were higher compared with a year earlier.

Cattle and calves on feed April 1 this year in the 11 Western States totaled 1,692,000 head, compared with 1,554,000 head April 1, 1960--a 9 percent increase. California, the leading Western State, was up 16 percent; Colorado, the second ranking Western State, was 1 percent higher; and Arizona, third in rank, showed a 21 percent increase from last April 1. Other increases ranged from 2 percent in Montana and Oregon to 9 percent in New Mexico. Idaho was down 2 percent, and Wyoming and Nevada were both down 6 percent.

Cattle and calves placed on feed during January through March this year totaled 2,692,000 head, 3 percent less than the 2,762,000 head during the same period in 1960. Shipments of stocker and feeder cattle into 8 Corn Belt States (for which data are available) during January and February this year were up 22 percent from the same two months in 1960.

Fed cattle marketings during January, February and March 1961 amounted to 3,264,000 head, the same as during these three months in 1960, Marketings were down 1 percent in the North Central States, but were 3 percent higher in the Western States.

The number of beef steers and heifers (grading Prime, Choice and Good) sold out of first hands for slaughter at 12 major livestock markets during January through March was 3 percent lower than the same period in 1960. These data do not include direct sales to packing plants, mixed lots of steers and heifers, and some deliveries bought on prior contract.

Of the cattle and calves on feed in the 26 States April 1, those weighing under 500 pounds accounted for 7 percent of the total--the same as April 1, 1960. The 500-699 pound group made up 35 percent of the total this year compared with 33 percent a year earlier. The 700-899 pound group accounted for 27 percent of the total compared with 30 percent a year earlier. The number weighing 900-1,099 pounds at 24 percent was unchanged, while the 1,100 pound and over group comprised 7 percent of the total compared to 6 percent last year.

A breakdown of the April 1 number on feed in the 26 States by weight groups shows a smaller number on feed than a year earlier in the 700-899 pound group. All other groups showed an increase over a year earlier in number on feed. The number weighing less than 500 pounds totaled 475,000 head April 1--3 percent above a year earlier; the 500-699 pound group totaled 2,447,000 head--up 10 percent from a year earlier; the 700-899 pound group accounted for 1,892,000 head-- down 6 percent; the 900-1,099 pound group at 1,710,000 head was 6 percent above last year; and, the over 1,100 pound group at 491,000 head was 35 percent above last year.

In the 26 States, 70 percent of the cattle and calves on feed April 1 were steers and steer calves, 29 percent were heifers and heifer calves and 1 percent were cows and other. This is the same percentage breakdown as January 1, 1961 and April 1, 1960.

In the 26 States, cattle and calves on feed by length of time as a percent of total on April 1 this year and last were: Under 3 months, 37 and 39 percent; 3 to 6 months 56 and 55 percent; and over 6 months 7 and 6 percent.

The number on feed under 3 months at 2,606,000 head was 1 percent below last year. The 3-6 month group at 3,939,000 head was up 8 percent, and the over 6 month group at 470,000 head was 15 percent above a year earlier.

Cattle feeders in the 26 States intend to market 48 percent or 3,336,000 head of the April 1 inventory number during April, May and June. If intentions are carried out, the marketings would be 7 percent above the 3,105,000 head marketed the second quarter of 1960 from the April 1 inventory. A breakdown by months of total anticipated marketings of the April 1 inventory during the quarter shows 38 percent to be marketed in April, 32 percent in May, and 30 percent in June. Expected marketings as published are based upon the usual relationship between survey data and actual marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed by classes, by quarters, April 1, 1960, January 1 and April 1, 1961

State	Steers & steer calves			Heifers & heifer calves			Cows and others		
	Apr.1, 1960	Jan.1, 1961	Apr.1, 1961	Apr.1, 1960	Jan.1, 1961	Apr.1, 1961	Apr.1, 1960	Jan.1, 1961	Apr.1, 1961
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head
Pa.	68	79	69	6	7	6	2	3	3
Ohio	149	165	153	33	42	38	2	2	---
Ind	104	136	121	56	57	48	2	2	1
Ill	490	576	556	163	153	130	---	---	---
Mich	102	92	108	27	33	25	---	1	1
Wis	90	88	89	30	30	32	1	3	1
Minn	286	306	303	148	172	170	---	---	---
Iowa	1,193	1,076	1,158	454	416	408	3	3	2
Mo	177	220	177	70	74	63	2	3	2
N. Dak	61	108	90	37	63	58	2	4	2
S. Dak	156	173	175	74	110	96	2	6	3
Nebr	462	484	435	211	201	238	7	5	4
Kans	173	231	167	62	103	105	2	3	3
N.C.States	3,443	3,655	3,532	1,365	1,454	1,411	23	32	19
Okla	29	43	31	19	30	33	1	1	1
Texas	95	144	128	64	107	88	2	3	2
Mont	26	38	31	27	34	26	4	5	1
Idaho	72	84	70	41	54	40	2	5	3
Wyo	26	25	25	20	26	19	1	5	---
Colo	198	199	194	160	211	165	1	4	3
N. Mex	21	23	22	22	27	26	2	3	1
Ariz	156	227	184	48	67	62	3	4	5
Utah	23	40	33	26	26	21	1	5	---
Nev	9	20	10	8	9	6	---	1	---
Wash	78	78	79	21	25	25	1	3	3
Oreg	40	47	39	14	21	15	1	1	2
Calif	407	605	489	90	100	88	5	7	5
Western States	1,056	1,386	1,176	477	600	493	21	43	23
26 State Total	4,691	5,307	4,936	1,931	2,198	2,031	49	82	48
	Percentage distribution of total								
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
N.C.States	71	71	71	28	28	29	1	1	1/
Western States	68	68	70	31	30	29	1	2	1
26 States	70	70	70	29	29	29	1	1	1

1/ Less than .5 percent.

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